

Please reject HR 4026!!!

Day after day, more and more freedoms are being taken from us, and while this may seem like a small thing, we are entitled to this service, ESPECIALLY considering we are willingly paying for it. I have had XM since the beginning. It is a wonderful service and a truly American company with American innovation and American technology. Why should the NAB, an organization which has reduced Radio and Television to the ridiculous and useless media which they are today, have any right, authority, or for that matter expertise regarding anything at all to do with XM. We do still prize American ingenuity, right? Or should we blindly listen to those whose last good ideal was the vacuum tube, merely because they have the money and the lobbyists?

The fact that the NAB is raising this miniscule point regarding providing "locally oriented" content, shows that they are wounded from being beaten at their own game. Is American no longer about market competition? Or have we all subscribed to the "If you can beat 'em, sue 'em" ethic. In the real world, if you are bested by someone, you have two choices, try harder or give up. Running home to Mommy and tattling is not really a respectable option for grown ups.

Look around our country and observe the media which are currently operating. With the exception of XM, the NAB (and its ilk) is responsible for everything we see and hear (the Super Bowl fiasco, Howard Stern, etc.). I'm all for free speech. That is, good free speech. However, the garbage that's out there right now is not only offensive, but appeals only to the stupidest among us. Should we be forced to partake in the only game in town, even if it's far below our level of intellect? It seems more American that we should have options, yes? Isn't it obvious who is producing the better product here!! Or have we as Americans become as stupid as we are lazy?

The NAB needs to know that they have done an inadequate job and that something better, cheaper, and more sophisticated has come along! They are not allowed to "cry foul" just because they didn't think of it first.

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Sincerely,

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